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Department of Health Services



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TO: ALL SUPERINTENDENTS OF COUNTY SCHOOLS, ELEMENTARY,
UNIFIED, HIGH SCHOOLS, PUBLIC SCHOOL NURSES, AND HEALTH
EDUCATORS - ATTENTION: PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR
HEARING TESTING

FROM: HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR, 2005-06,
2006-07 AND 2007-08

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about hearing services related to school age children; including:

- Review of the 2005-06 Annual Report of Hearing Testing, (PM 100).
- Review of the Revised Joint Statement On Individuals Qualified To Provide Mandated Hearing Screening to Pupils in Public School.
- Internet access to forms for the Hearing Conservation Program.
- A list of agencies you may contract with to perform hearing screening for school age children during the school year, 2007-2008.
- Request for waiver for the school year, 2007-08.

2005/06 Annual Report of Hearing Testing

Please review Table 2 – Annual Report of Hearing Testing in Public Schools, Results of Hearing Testing By Grade, School Year 2005-2006. Compare your average fail rate to the average of all the schools. If there is a discrepancy of plus or minus two or more percentage points, please contact Steven Rawiszer, Hearing Conservation Specialist, at (916) 323-8087, or by email at srawisze@dhs.ca.gov, to discuss the possible reasons for this difference.

All school districts are required to submit an Annual Report, PM 100, regardless of whether a waiver for the 10th or 11th grade was requested.

Revised Joint Statement

Hearing tests shall be given only by duly qualified personnel. Please review the attached letter for testing requirements.

Internet Access to Hearing Forms

The following fill-in forms are available on the Internet, at www.dhs.ca.gov/publications/forms/cms.htm

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- PM 100 Annual Report of Hearing Testing
- PM 101 Application for Registration as School Audiometrist
- PM 210 Registration of Agency Intending to Provide Hearing Testing Services
- PM 359 Hearing Screening Request Waiver

You may submit your completed forms by email to Mr. Rawiszer by first saving your results and sending the form as an attachment.

Remember: The PM 100, Annual Report of Hearing Testing is due by June 30th of each year.

List of Screening Contract Agencies

Please use the enclosed updated list of agencies when selecting an agency to perform hearing testing for your school program. These agencies have registered with the Children's Medical Services (CMS) Branch and have the appropriate credentials and equipment to perform testing in schools. If you are using an agency not on the list, please notify the CMS Branch to enable us to ensure that the agency meets state requirements.

Request for Waiver

The California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2951, permits a school district to request a waiver for the 10th and/or 11th grade pupils once each school year. To obtain a waiver, your school district must provide an alternate screening plan, which will ensure that each pupil at risk of a hearing loss will receive services. If you are requesting a waiver, please submit your request on Form 359, identified above, prior to implementing the 2007-08 screening program.

Thank you for your commitment to the Hearing Conservation Program. I hope you are having a great 2006-07 school year. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Mr. Rawiszer, at (916) 323-8087.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Marian Dalsey, M.D., M.P.H.

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Enclosures:

*Note that the California Department of Health Services is undergoing reorganization and website addresses and information are subject to change. If you experience difficulty accessing this website in the future, please contact Steven Rawiszer, at (916) 323-8087.